GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the contraceptive (CTV Copper-T) is being procured for the current financial year at a very high rate, compared to last year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government are also aware that the manufacturers of Copper-T are not supplying Copper-T in prescribed durable packing; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and details of the companies who had supplied low standard packing?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) & (b) : Under National Family Welfare Programme, contraceptives are being procured regularly on the basis of an annual rate contract. The Copper-T procured during these three years indicate a price variation between Rs. 13.91 to Rs. 30.00 as under :

Year	Rates per piece (in Rs.)
1999-2000	26.00, 29.50 & 30.00
2000-2001	13.91 & 19.80
2001-2002	24.00

The cost of the Copper-T was unusually low during 2000- 01 on account of stiff competition among the manufacturers.

(c) No such instance has come to the notice of the Ministry. The manufacturers have been asked to supply Copper-T in the prescribed packing as per specifications laid down by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). Each batch of the quantity ordered is tested in Government approved laboratories, inclusive of packaging materials.

In addition, the Ministry has constituted a Task Force for Evaluation of Specifications and Standards in respect of contraceptives and accessories utilized in the Department of Family Welfare. Sub-groups had been constituted to review and recommend amendments, alterations and additions in respect of standards and specifications of individual contraceptives including Copper-T. Standards will also be prescribed in respect of packaging.

(d) : Does not arise.